April 2021

Work Immersion Program | Limited April – June Return

The Governor's Workforce Board (GWB) has announced that the <u>Work Immersion</u> Program will be reopening on Monday April 19th at 9:00am. The program is being made available on a **limited** and **temporary basis** and is only available for work experiences that conclude on June 30, 2021.

- Applications will only be accepted between 9:00am on April 19, 2021 through 4:00pm on May 28, 2021
- Funds are only available for wages earned between April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

The application will be accessible at the **GWB website**.

Due to state funding limitations, the GWB is only able to make the program available for a limited time. Hires occurring before or after the April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 are not eligible for the program. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope that the program can make a full return in the future.

Importantly, employers wishing to utilize the Work Immersion program must first register as a state supplier by visiting the state supplier website linked here. Ocean State Procures is a NEW supplier management system. Accounts did not automatically transfer from the previous RIFANS system so applicants *must* register with Ocean State Procures even if they had a previous RIFANS registration.

Should the program return later this year, employers should be advised that the program cannot be able to be applied retroactivity, so anyone enrolled in the program at that time would have to begin employment after the program's return.

The Incumbent Worker Training program remains temporarily closed. The GWB will provide notice once that program is set to return, but employers are encouraged to monitor the <u>GWB website</u> for updates.

Any questions related to this release may be directed to: DLT.GWBINFO@DLT.RI.GOV